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*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the results of the December 1 Hog Survey.*

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*Sincerely,*

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**IDAHO AND WASHINGTON  
HOG INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT**

Idaho and Washington combined hog inventory on December 1, 2010 was 61,000 head, up 3 percent from the previous December 1 inventory. Idaho and Washington hog inventory was combined to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Breeding hog inventory for Idaho and Washington combined, at 12,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Market hogs increased 2,000 head to 49,000 head for Idaho and Washington combined. An estimated 18,200 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.85 pigs. The total pig crop of 161,000 head was up 23 percent from the previous year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Class and Weight Group, United States, 2009-2010<sup>1</sup>**

Item	2009	2010	2010 as a %
			2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory			
All Hogs & Pigs	64,887	64,325	99
Kept for Breeding	5,850	5,778	99
Market	59,037	58,547	99
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups			
Under 50 Pounds	18,705	18,564	99
50-119 Pounds	16,782	16,519	98
120-179 Pounds	12,299	12,208	99
180 Pounds and Over	11,252	11,256	100

1/ May not add due to rounding.

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